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ARIZONA STATE SENATE

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FACT SHEET FOR H.B. 2237

same day voter registration; prohibition

Purpose

Prohibits same day voter registration and classifies registering a person to vote on election day and deeming the person eligible to vote in that election as a class 6 felony.

Background

An elector may not vote in an election unless the elector has been registered to vote as a resident and the registration has been received by the county recorder or recorder's designee before midnight 29 days before the election (A.R.S. § 16-120). A county recorder must authorize persons to accept registration forms, designate places for receipt of registration forms and designate additional locations for distribution of voter registration forms. A mailed voter registration is valid for an election if: 1) the form is postmarked 29 days or more before an election and is received by 7:00 p.m. on election day; or 2) the registration is dated 29 days before the election and is received by the county recorder by first class mail within 5 days after the last day to register to vote in the election (A.R.S. § 16-134).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

- 1. Prohibits a state agency, department or division, political subdivision or person acting on behalf of the state or a political subdivision from registering a person to vote on an election day and deeming the person eligible to vote in that election.
- 2. Classifies, as a class 6 felony, registering a person to vote on election day and deeming the person eligible to vote in that election.
- 3. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

House Action

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